



Congresswoman Kaptur will announce a significant expansion of a federal food aid program that provides thousands of nutritious food packages every month to needy families and senior citizens in Northern Ohio.

“We continue to focus our efforts on increasing the food security in our community,” said Kaptur, who serves on the House Appropriations agriculture subcommittee. “The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the state of Ohio are such strong partners because they recognize the efficiency of our local program.”

Congresswoman Kaptur said the expansion of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program means that 6,000 food packages will be available each month—up 40 percent from the previous level. The program has existed since the early 1970s for mothers and children and was expanded in 1985 to include senior citizens. Ohio became eligible to participate in the program in Fiscal Year 2000.

The packages offer staples that every family can use, including canned meat and fish, peanut butter, cheese and other dairy products, canned fruits and vegetables, juices, cheese, cereals and grains.



Nationally, Congress and the Administration provided \$171 million for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program in Fiscal Year 2010, supporting more than 600,000 participants.

“During these difficult times,” said Congresswoman Kaptur, “program such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program provide an important lifeline to some of the more vulnerable members of our community.”